



November 23, 2011

Mr. Michael Machado
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Mr. Machado:

On behalf of the Carquinez Strait Preservation Trust we are writing to provide our support of the Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) and support Boundary Alternative 2 which was included in the Delta NHA legislation introduced by Senator Diane Feinstein and Congressman John Garamendi. We believe that the inclusion of the Carquinez Strait, the water gateway to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, will provide a comprehensive story of the areas rich natural and cultural resources, shared history, and recreational opportunities.

We also support the designation of the Delta Protection Commission as the managing entity for the Delta National Heritage Area, and support making planning funds available to local jurisdictions to help develop local plans supportive of the strategies developed for the National Heritage Area.

The Delta and Carquinez Strait share a rich history of natural and historic resources, geography and development. We believe that designation as a National Heritage Area is in the best interest of Delta and the Strait and will provide the structure to highlight the regional identity of the area.

It is the mission of the Trust to further the preservation, promotion, and recognition of the Carquinez Strait as an important State and National resource and recreation area. Therefore it has been a long standing goal of the Trust to receive a National Heritage designation for the Carquinez Strait region. We hope to be working cooperatively in the future with the Delta Protection Commission on this matter.

Sincerely

Bonnie Silveria, President
Carquinez Strait Preservation Trust